

Illinois Commerce Commission
Public Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments)
Concerning Electric Procurement Events
Which Were Held From Summer 2020 Through Spring 2021

DUE DATES

Initial Comments: May 24, 2021

Reply Comments: May 31, 2021

Section 16-111.5 of the Public Utilities Act (“Act”) includes various “Provisions relating to procurement.” Among other things, the Act requires the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) to file procurement plans for certain electric utility companies. The utility companies presently affected by Section 16-111.5 are Ameren Illinois Company (“Ameren”), Commonwealth Edison Company (“ComEd”), and MidAmerican Energy Company (“MEC”). In fulfillment of its duties pursuant to Section 16-111.5(o) of the Act, the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission” or “ICC”) hereby provides this Public Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments) Concerning Electric Procurement Events Which Were Held From Summer 2020 Through Spring 2021.

Scope of Informal Hearing

The Commission’s Order in Docket No. 19-0951, which was entered on December 19, 2019, approved an IPA plan for issuing spring 2020 RFPs that would award to winning bidders fixed quantity standard electric energy contracts with Ameren, ComEd, and MEC, as well as an RFP for capacity contracts with Ameren. The order also approved a fall 2020 RFP for capacity contracts with Ameren and additional fixed quantity standard electric energy contracts with Ameren, ComEd and MEC. The current informal hearing will consider comments pertaining to the fall 2020 RFPs. The spring 2020 RFPs were the subject, in part, of a similar informal hearing, held last year.

The Commission’s Order in Docket No. 20-0717, which was entered on November 5, 2020, approved an IPA plan for issuing spring 2021 RFPs that would award to winning bidders fixed quantity standard electric energy contracts with Ameren, ComEd, and MEC, as well as an RFP for capacity contracts with Ameren. The order also approved a fall 2021 RFP for capacity contracts with Ameren and additional fixed quantity standard electric energy contracts with Ameren, ComEd and MEC. The current informal hearing will consider comments pertaining to the spring 2021

RFPs. The fall 2021 RFPs are expected to be within the scope of a similar informal hearing to be held next year.

The following table lists the above-mentioned RFPs that are within the scope of the current informal hearing. The table also provides internet hyperlinks to the relevant Commission Orders and public notices of RFP results.

RFP Timeframe	Product description	Utility (link to RFP results)	Authorizing ICC Docket
Fall 2020	Standard Energy Products	Ameren, ComEd, and MEC	19-0951
	Capacity Products	Ameren	
Spring 2021	Standard Energy Products	Ameren, ComEd, and MEC	20-0717
	Capacity Products	Ameren	

Purpose of this Notice of Informal Hearing (Request for Comments):

Section 16-111.5(o) of the Act states,

On or before June 1 of each year, the Commission shall hold an informal hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the prior year's procurement process and any recommendations for change.

In fulfillment of this requirement, the Commission shall hear from all interested parties their comments relating to the above-described procurement process. It is requested that all comments be provided in written form, within Microsoft Word or compatible files and/or Adobe Acrobat PDF or compatible files. There are no limitations on the length of comments. Comments should be sent through email to:

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Posting of Comments:

All comments received shall be posted on the ICC website at the following location:

<https://www.icc.illinois.gov/programs/Electricity-Procurement-Process-for-Plan-Years-Beginning-June-2021>